

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Method and apparatus for controlling consumable use in an image-rendering device. More particularly, the invention relates to a image-rendering device that facilitates the limitation of page costs of color documents by establishing a threshold cost limitation and controlling one or more colorant
5 amounts to be used on the page to ensure that the cost limitation is met. An optional override mode may be provided, wherein a selected page or pages, or a complete document, would be rendered without implementation of the cost reduction feature.